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AMBASSADOR WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY THEM TO PRESIDENT CHIANG WHEN MADE. WITH REGARD TO PRESS ALLEGATION THAT USG IS EXAMINING ROC REQUEST FOR F-4S FROM THE STANDPOINT OF CONCERN FOR PRC STRENGTH OR SECURITY, AMBASSADOR SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS QUITE INCORRECT. ROC ARMS REQUESTS ARE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION IN THE TAIWAN STRAIT AREA, THE PRESIDENT'S INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY AND, AS REQUIRED BY LEGISLATION, APPLICABLE HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS.

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